GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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EXPENDITURE UNDER THE MINISTRY
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a): whether the C&AG in its report No.4 of 2002(PSUs) on page 18 and subsequent thereto has dwelt on at length on the payment of daily allowance in excess of limit, reimbursement of expenses incurred on unauthorised visits to foreign countries, payment of inadmissible daily allowance and release of advance in foreign currency etc.;

(b) if so, the action taken or propose to be taken by the Government thereon;

(c) the steps taken to check such excess payment;

(d) whether the Government propose to recover the same from those to whom these were made in excess; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL & MINES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW JUSTICE (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): Yes, Sir. Government commercial audit in their report had made several observations questioning payments on different issues including payments towards daily allowance in connection with foreign visits of officials of Coal India Limited (CIL) and it subsidiaries.

(b): The observations of Government Commercial Audits was subjected to detailed scrutiny/examination by CIL by a duly constituted Committee and their findings were considered after a lengthy deliberation by the Functional Directors(FDs) of CIL in their meeting held on 2-1-2002 at Kolkata. Endorsing fully the findings of the Committee, the Functional Directors of CIL directed to take steps for ensuring early recovery of the amounts that were found to have been drawn either in excess or unauthorisedly. Accordingly, all concerned were advised by CIL (Hq.) to take immediate necessary steps to ensure early adherence of above. It is in compliance thereof the recoveries of amounts either drawn in excess or unauthorisedly have since been made in a number of cases, while other such cases are under examination for taking appropriate action as would deem fit.

(c): A detailed guidelines to regulate payments on different accounts in connection with foreign visits of officials have been issued from CIL Head Qrs. in November, 1997 for strict adherence thereof by all concerned.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. In view of reply given to part (b) above, necessary recoveries are already in progress and in a number of cases the amounts either drawn in excess or unauthorisedly have already been recovered.